



City of Wichita

Wichita Police Department

Monthly Report

October 2005

Officer, Employee, Volunteer Awards

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Special points of interest:

Crime was down around 7 percent in October compared to the same time period in 2004.



Deputy Chief Lee presents Lt. Ken Landwehr with the Officer of the Year Award.

The Wichita Police Department honored three individuals on Oct. 20th during its 2005 Annual Awards Reception in the Board Room of City Hall.

Lt. Ken Landwehr, a 27-year veteran of the Department, was named Officer of the Year for his role as the Commander of the BTK Task Force.

During the 11-month investigation in 2004-2005, Lt. Landwehr devoted countless hours to the identification and apprehension of the BTK suspect. He had

the unique ability to organize a task force, allocate resources, plan strategically, and communicate with the public during a time of intense pressure and public scrutiny. Few investigators in the nation can say they have shared the same dedication to the apprehension of a lone offender.

Joyce Myer was named the Non Sworn Employee of the Year. Joyce is a 29-year veteran and serves as an accountant in the Support Services Division. She is experienced and knowledgeable in the responsibilities of the processing of accounting, purchasing, payment and travel/training paperwork. Her attention to detail and the quality of her work is exemplary even with the

tremendous amount of paperwork that she processes daily.

Dr. Kelly Jones, DVM, was named the Cooper-McKee Volunteer of the Year for her work on the Pets in Crisis program.

She learned that two-thirds of abused women do not want to leave their home for fear their pets will become the victim of abuse.

Upon learning there was no existing program in Wichita for domestic violence victims and their pets to find a safe haven, she devised a plan to assist. The plan is now known citywide as Pets in Crisis.



Deputy Chief Stolz presents Dr. Kelly Jones with the Volunteer of the Year Award.



Capt. Mosley presents Joyce Myer with the Employee of the Year Award.

Patrol East makes DUI enforcement a priority

With DUI-related accidents expected to exceed last year's numbers in east Wichita, the Patrol East Bureau is taking aggressive action.

Officer Mike Lloyd and Officer Dave Hinners, Beat Coordinators, are using technology, education and old-fashioned hard work to stop this trend and make east Wichita a safer place to drive.

During the first nine months of 2005, there were approximately 75 DUI-related crashes, 285 DUI arrests and two DUI-related fatalities. Officers Lloyd and Hinners used technology to analyze crime statistics and

data from the Patrol East Bureau. They broke down the DUI crashes and arrests by location, time, day of the week, etc., and then formulated a plan of action based on the statistical data.

They found that on Friday nights, areas in the 33, 36, 37 and 39 beats are hot spots for impaired driving, and on Saturday nights, the areas in the 38 and 399 beats are hot spots for impaired drivers.

Patrol East will be stepping up DUI enforcement the remainder of 2005, and will make it a priority in 2006. The first enforcement activity of this project took place on Oct. 28 with a DUI saturation patrol.



Law Enforcement Memorial fundraising kicks off

The Law Enforcement Memorial Committee kicked off its fundraising efforts on Oct. 1 with a huge law enforcement static display at the Wal-Mart at 21st and Maize.

The event featured a number of attractions including:

- WPD Air Section
- Sedgwick County Sheriff's Command vehicle
- Sheriff Mascot Deputy Dan



Sedgwick County Emergency Management with information on Homeland Security

Sedgwick County Fire Department Station #33

Remote radio broadcast by KFDI Journal Broadcast

Fraternal Order of Police Identi-kid program

Wichita Fire Department emergency vehicles

WPD Mounted Unit

WPD Crime Prevention Section – DARE car

WPD Bomb Squad

WPD SWAT

Haysville Police Department – 1971 restored patrol car

Maize Police Department vehicle

WPD Crime Scene Investigators

The committee scheduled

several smaller events at area Wal-Mart stores throughout the month and a number of WPD and SO personnel donated their time to participate.

The LEM Committee needs to raise \$550,000 in order to complete the Memorial.

The Records Bureau is currently working on a cookbook to raise money for the Memorial.



Did You Know.....

During the month of October, WPD members received 87 CPRs that were generated internally and 43 that were generated externally.

The Professional Standards Bureau opened five external complaints on members of the Department during October. There were 15 internal complaints filed against Department employees.

In the month of October, Field Services personnel issued 5,103 moving citations and 1,197 parking citations.

Thus far in 2005, the Awards committee has approved 416 awards. Of those, 331 went to Field Services, 65 to Investigations, and 20 to Support Services. More than half of those, 61 percent, were for traditional policing; 39 percent were for community policing.

The gang unit charged five gang members with felony drug charges in October. The TOPS Unit located 19 active warrants on gang members and the warrant informa-

tion, along with photographs, were distributed to the Field. The TOPS Unit also revoked 40 gang members who were on parole or probation during October.

Detective Jennifer Wright received a 10-count Federal Indictment against a 57-year-old male for distribution of child pornography. The case was worked based on a tip from the New York State Police.

The Accessible Parking Program Volunteers were trained on Oct. 4 at the Wichita Water Center. The class was attended by all 18 volunteers and was taught by the City Prosecutor's Office and Crime Prevention Officers. The volunteers were cleared to begin their duties and they have been out documenting citations.

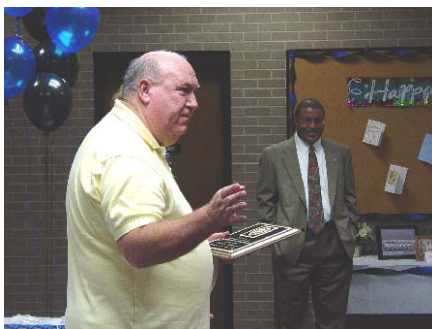
Photographer George Anderson retired on Oct. 7 after more than 40 years of service. Photo Tech Pam Huffmier was promoted to the position of Photographer on Oct. 19.

Lt. Jeff Weible completed the proposed wish list from the City of Wichita for the 2005 Homeland Security Grant money. A presentation was given to the Homeland Security Advisory Committee on Oct. 27. The committee created a priority list that will be taken to the County Committee later this year.

Officer Christian Cory was dispatched to a suspicious character in the area of 5600 E. 28th St. N. A suspect was contacted riding his bike down 28th Street. It was determined that the man had broken into vehicles in the area and his stash of property was located. The suspect was also responsible for many tire slashings in the area. Officer Cory was able to clear 29 vandalisms to 29 vehicles with this arrest.

The 19 Beat Team is working a trend on residential burglary due to open garage doors. Officers Pat Mallard and Addie Perkins handed out fliers to citizens with open garage doors. In October, no residential burglaries with open garage doors have occurred.

Detective Treat calls it quits after 33 years of service



Gale Treat retires.

A large crowd turned out on Oct. 21 to wish Detective Gale Treat well as he launched his retirement and ended a 33-year career with the Police Department.

Gale reports looking forward to spending time with his children and grandchildren. A video of the retirement can be viewed on the Intranet.



Employees say farewell.

Letter of support to the men and women of WPD

Dear Chief Williams

I and the members of Tyler Road Baptist Church would like to take the opportunity to thank you and the men and women of officers under your command for the outstanding job you all do under difficult and stressful situations, as you are well aware the news media has been reporting the story about the number of traffic stops and the stop data sheets reported.

As someone that has been on both sides of the issue, as a civilian and citizen of Wichita I witnessed the Police Department from a citizens point of view and wondered myself why some car stops were initiated and what prompted the officers to do so.

But I have also had the unique experience of being a police officer with the Wichita Police Reserves and that experience gave me The insight I have today.

I am no longer on the reserve department but I hope to return someday, but during my 5 years on the street as a reserve I never once witnessed a car stop that was from profiling, and I rode with many different officers on many different shifts.

I understand that the paperwork must be turned in 100 percent of the time but I am confident when I say that the Wichita Police Department's officers were always very professional and took great pride in the job and their responsibility.

I am a member of a large church in Wichita and I had the opportunity to speak to the members of my church about my experiences as a Wichita Reserve Police Officer and was able to answer some questions regarding long standing misconceptions folks had about our city's police department and police procedure,

I believe it was a very good help to answer long standing questions.

I have said it many times that if people were to take the time and opportunity to meet and work with their community police officers and attend meetings; that dialog helps to better understand the inner workings of the police department and helps officers understand The concerns of the citizens of Wichita.

So in closing, keep your head up Chief and continue to lead this Department into the future, no one is perfect except the Lord.

The members of Tyler Road Baptist church will continue to pray for you and your officers and on a side note I also pray that God willing I will one day return to the Wichita Police Reserve Dept. where I served so proudly.

God Bless you
Respectfully
Bob Williams

Police participate in Red Ribbon Week at Stucky

National Red Ribbon Week was celebrated at Stucky Middle School on Oct. 25 with a large police presence.

Red Ribbon Week focuses on promoting an anti-drug message to students and the entire school population participated— 785 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.

Following the law enforcement display, there was an assembly featuring Lance Sinks as the primary speaker. He talked about his experience being involved in an auto crash involving a drunk driver and not wearing his seatbelt.

This was a joint effort with WPD, Con-Way trucking company (paid for all the red ribbons for the students and half of the speaker fee), Stucky staff, and Stucky's Parent Teacher Student Organization (paid the other half of the speaker fee) working together.



Observant Sergeant helps solve robbery

Two masked men entered the Taco Tico at 929 N Broadway on Oct. 21. One of them threw a brown paper bag on the counter and ordered the clerk to fill it with money from the register. The men then fled south in the alley.

One of the men wore all black clothing and had a stocky build and the other wore a gray hoodie, black pants, and was tall and slender.

Sgt. Jose Salcido observed a man carrying something into a residence in the 800 block of N. Market.

The man was tall and slender and matched the general description of one of the robbery suspects. Sgt Salcido and additional officers contacted the three occupants, two men and a woman, of the residence.

The officers obtained permission to search the residence, and while they didn't locate any additional suspects, they did see a brown paper bag lying on a table in the living room. They also spotted a pair of black boots, a pair of black pants and a gray hoodie lying on the floor in a

rear bedroom. The officers also found a black hoodie and a pair of black gloves in plain view inside a van belonging to one of the residents.

Interviews of the suspects were conducted by Sgt Salcido, Detective Dave Alexander and Detective Lisa Walker.

Detective Alexander obtained a Waiver to Search and the money from the robbery was recovered. All three suspects were charged with robbery.

Even Police Officers get the run around

Officer Maurice Floyd received a number of complaints on a vacant house on the 23 Beat located at 1301 S. Emporia.

The primary problem was identifying who owned the property so that signs could be posted and an affidavit signed to address the problem of vagrants on the property.

Officer Floyd tracked down the listed owner who said that she had declared bankruptcy and that the house was in the possession of her bankruptcy attorney. Officer Floyd

then called and left a message for the attorney. The message was returned on the following day and the attorney told Officer Floyd that there was a bankruptcy trustee who had control of the property and he would forward a message to them to contact Officer Floyd. About a week later, the trustee called to say they were abandoning the property and ownership would revert to the mortgage company that is located in North Carolina.

Officer Floyd then contacted the president of the South Central Improvement Alliance Business Association who had mentioned an interest in the association starting a CDC (Community Development Coalition) where an association buys abandoned properties, repairs them, then sells them to people who want to own a home, not landlords. Officer Floyd will pursue this further in November.

Homicide Conference well attended

The Mid-States Homicide Investigators Association held its 4th Annual Conference in Wichita Oct. 5-7 at the Hotel at Old Town with more than 150 in attendance.

Seats at this year's conference were sought after due to the outstanding sessions slated for the conference. According to Detective Dana Gouge, they were filled to capacity and had to turn down requests to attend.

This year's conference featured Lt. Ken Landwehr on the BTK investigation and John Mattsen on the Green River Killer.



11th Annual Show N' Shine another success

The 11th Annual Show N' Shine Car show had another successful year, according to Sgt. Ken Kimble, event coordinator.

There were 103 vehicles registered in this year's show which took place on Oct. 2 at Wichita State University.

All proceeds, \$1,700, went to the Kansas Make A Wish Foundation. The Make A Wish Foundation provides wishes to terminally ill children ages 2 1/2 to 18.

More than 1,000 citizens at-

tended the event and 26 trophies were awarded.

Dale Maynard, who participates in the show each year, won Best of Show with his 1998 Dodge Pick-up. The Derby Police Department won the Specialty Vehicle Award for their Ford Exposition. Wichita Police Department employee Ebony McNabb snagged a 2nd place trophy in the stock motorcycle class.

Four police recruits assisted with the show, along with 18 WPD Officers. This year's sponsors for

the event included Rand Graphics, Rynotek Media Services, Pep Boys, Bosley Tire, the Movie Gallery and the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 5.



Crime Prevention Training held in October



Officer Dana McElrath talks to citizens about personal safety during the Crime Prevention training on Oct. 11.

The Community Affairs Section coordinated two Crime Prevention Training sessions during the month.

The first was held at the Wichita Water Center on Oct. 11 and the second was on Oct. 13 at the Atwater Neighborhood City Hall.

The sessions offered a number of classes including: Neighborhood Watch, Senior Services, Internet Safety, Child Safety, Personal Safety and Home Safety.

Both sessions were well attended and sponsored by Target.



Officer Heather Frazier visits with citizens during a break at the Crime Prevention Training held at the Wichita Water Center.

Officer Stevens awarded for WBSN project on 27 Beat



Officer Bill Stevens was awarded the Donovan Drive Outstanding Customer Service Award at the Community Policing South Office on Nov. 1.

Officer Stevens is currently the Beat Coordinator for the 21 beat, but prior to this assignment he was the Coordinator on the 27 Beat.

He received the Donovan Award for the work that he did with businesses on the 27 Beat.

Due to Officer Stevens efforts, businesses in the target area saw a significant reduction in crime and an increase in quality of life for neighboring residents and patrons.

On January 18, 2004, using GeoCrime and Daily summary reports (reports used by officers to summarize activity occurring on their beats), Officer Stevens noted an increase in larcenies, non-residential burglaries and robberies occurring in the West Way Shopping Center area. The targeted boundaries for the area were, West/Elizabeth, North/Pawnee, East/Seneca and South/27th Street.



Officer Stevens opened a project with a primary goal of reducing the crime rate in the area, and a secondary goal of organizing the community and increasing lines of communications.

From January 2003 to January 2004, there were 20 reported non-residential burglaries and 20 robberies in the targeted area. There was also a notable crime trend of larcenies occurring in the area.

Officer Stevens informed patrol officers working in the affected area. A series of meetings were held and informational flyers were distributed to the businesses in the area.

Officer Stevens also contacted Michael Gisick and Irene Armstrong of the South West Neighborhood Association.

During one of the meetings with Michael Gisick, a partnership was formed between the Wichita Police Department, SWNA and several businesses. Mr. Gisick used his connections in the community and fax system to begin distributing information on crime trends to businesses in the area in a timely fashion.

Officers and community members actively solicited fax numbers from businesses in the area with the goal of sharing information and alerting owners of criminal activity occurring in their neighborhoods.

The majority of the business owners in the area participate in the pro-

gram named "**Wichita Business Security Network (WBSN)**". Since its inception, the alert system has been utilized more than 50 times.

From January 2004 to January 2005, Officer Stevens noted a 50 percent reduction in robberies and 25 percent decrease in non-residential burglaries.

Officer Stevens is taking the Business Alert Program Bureau wide. All of the Patrol South Beat Coordinators were briefed on the program and several business organizations (like Merchants of Old Town Association) have received training and are starting to gear-up with their own Business Watch.

Neighborhood Block Captains were added to the distribution list as a mechanism to disseminate information concerning their neighborhoods.



Robert Donovan, Vice President and General Manager of Donovan Auto and Truck Center, presents Officer Bill Stevens with the "Donovan Drive Outstanding Customer Service Award."

City of Wichita

**Lt. Ken Landwehr
was named the Law
Enforcement
Professional of the
Year by the Wichita
Crime Commission
on Oct. 19.**

**Wichita Crime
Commission**



Distraction tactic works on suicidal man

On Oct. 2, Officers were dispatched on a suicidal person call at Wesley Hospital. A man was armed with a butcher knife and was threatening to jump off the top of the parking garage.

Sgt. Darren Chambers, Sgt. Bruce Watts along with Officers Michael Cox, Matt Young and Roddy Winder took up position on the top of the parking garage. They started negotiations with the man, who was sitting on the concrete ledge in danger of falling off backwards. He was leaning backwards hanging onto a fire extinguisher bracket, which was the only thing keeping him from falling off.

The man was irrational, displaying mood swings, and wouldn't let the Officers get close to him.

Sgt. Chambers saw the man had a large butcher knife lying beside him on the concrete wall.

Sgt. Chambers knew they needed to get the knife away from the suspect before any attempt was made to pull him from the wall and he indicated this to the other officers present. Sgt. Chambers began negotiating with the man who was asking to speak to his sister.

Officer Cox called her, and she and another brother arrived a short time later.

Sgt. Chambers successfully negotiated the knife away from the man in exchange for having his brother brought up to the parking garage to speak with him.

Sgt. Watts took up a position on the ground below the suspect and set-up a perimeter with additional officers. He instructed EMS and city fire to set-up on Murdock. The man's brother and sister arrived and Sgt. Watts gave them instructions on what he

wanted them to do. They kept the sister out of sight so further negotiations could be made if necessary and moved the brother into the man's line of vision. Sgt. Watts noticed the man kept his eyes on his brother and not the officers, so Sgt. Watts made eye contact with the other officers, which meant get ready to make a move.

He decided to try a distraction so he looked over the ledge and said "Isn't that your sister down there?"

When the man turned his head to look, they moved in and locked the man's legs to the concrete wall preventing him from falling off backwards. They then removed him from the ledge as the man was attempting to hurl himself off.

As a result of their actions, no one was injured.